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Mr. Alex Hildebrand
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Dear Mr. Hildebrand:

RESPONSE TO LETTER TO LESTER SNOW AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD REGARDING CALFED MODELING ASSUMPTIONS

This letter is in response to your November 25, 1998, letter to Lester Snow of CALFED and members of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). In your letter, you protested modeling assumptions used in the November 24 Status Report on Modeling the CALFED Bay/Delta Storage and Conveyance Refinement Process. Specifically, you objected to the assumption that the SWRCB will approve the San Joaquin River Agreement and that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will implement its New Melones Interim Operation Plan.

Assumptions must be made in any modeling effort. Obviously, CALFED had to make some assumption regarding Stanislaus River operation for its modeling. CALFED assumed for the purposes of modeling that one of the alternatives in the SWRCB's draft EIR might be implemented. However, the SWRCB has made no commitment regarding any of the alternatives, and it will not do so until after it has received all relevant evidence.

If you have further questions in this matter, please contact Victoria Whitney of my staff at (916) 653-2516.

Sincerely,


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